



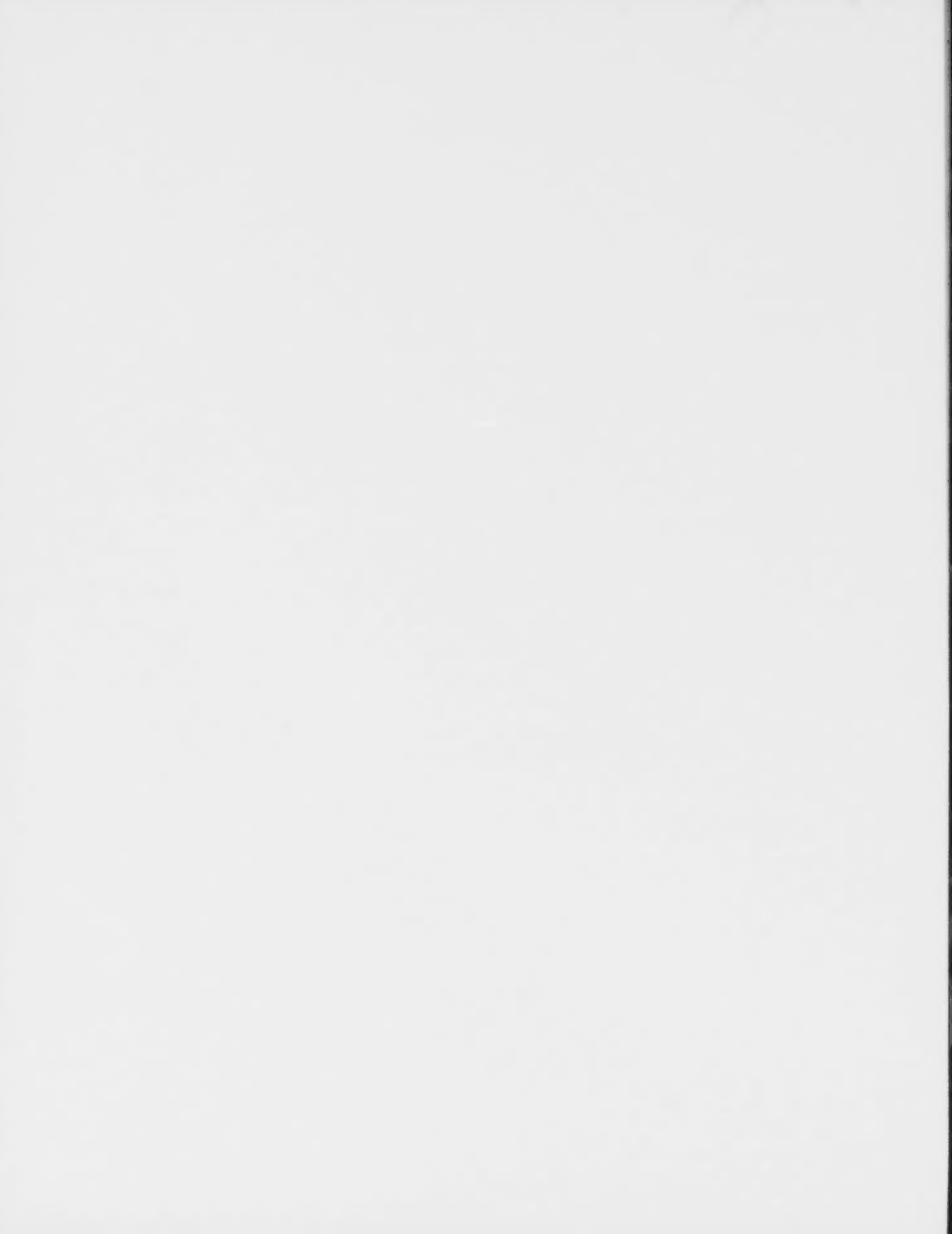
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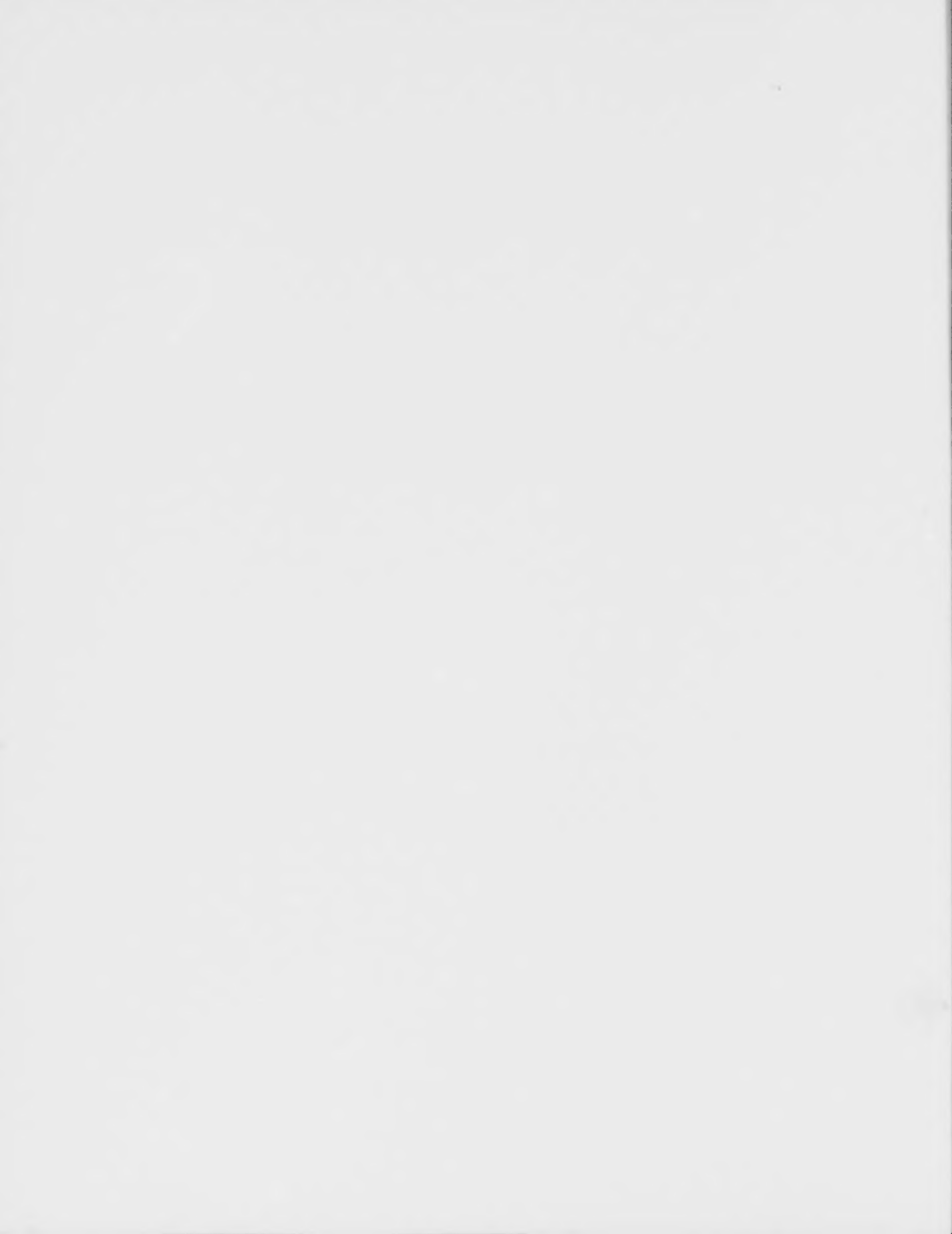




SASKATCHEWAN

Supplementary Estimates - December

For the Fiscal Year
Ending March 31
2008



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Introduction

The 2007-08 Supplementary Estimates – December are prepared in accordance with *The Financial Administration Act, 1993*. They are requests for additional funding from the General Revenue Fund (GRF) that were not included in the main Estimates presented with the Government's 2007-08 Budget.

The funding requests reflect the additional commitments that the government has or will undertake during the fiscal year. The requested funding is the net amount required by a ministry after reallocating voted appropriations not required in other areas of the ministry.

The Supplementary Estimates – December contain financial statements and schedules similar in format to those included in the main Estimates and incorporate estimated changes in revenue, expense and loan disbursements.

The Supplementary Estimates – December reflect the November, 2007 government reorganization pursuant to *The Government Organization Act*. The *Act* transfers the administration of parts of the public service and the money appropriated with respect to that part of the public service in various program areas. The program areas will continue to be funded from the original appropriation included in the main Estimates. The additional funding provided for these program areas by these supplementary estimates will be provided under the new structure.

The detail section of the Supplementary Estimates – December follows the similar Vote (ministry), subvote (major program area) and allocation (component of a subvote) as the main Estimates with the exception of the reorganized programs.

The subvote descriptions provided in the main Estimates apply to the Supplementary Estimates – December. Subvote descriptions may be expanded by the explanation for the additional funding provided by the Supplementary Estimates.

Subvote descriptions for new subvotes are incorporated into the explanation for the additional funding.

The balances remaining in the Fiscal Stabilization Fund and the Saskatchewan Infrastructure Fund at the end of 2007-08 will be combined and moved to the Growth and Financial Security Fund in accordance with legislation introduced in the fall session.

The Principles and Concepts, Accounting Policies and Glossary of Terms outlined in the main Estimates apply to the Supplementary Estimates – December.

Statement of Operations and Accumulated Deficit

(in thousands of dollars)

	Original Estimated 2007-08	Revised Estimated 2007-08	Change 2007-08
Revenue.....	7,869,300	9,108,200	1,238,900
Operating Expense.....	7,789,730	8,036,212	246,482
Operating Surplus.....	79,570	1,071,988	992,418
Debt Servicing.....	(560,000)	(545,000)	15,000
Transfer from (to) Fiscal Stabilization Fund.....	509,872	(263,494)	(773,366)
Net Transfer from (to) Saskatchewan Infrastructure Fund.....	45,558	- - -	(45,558)
Surplus for the Year.....	75,000	263,494	188,494
Accumulated Deficit, Beginning of Year.....	(4,223,872)	(4,001,226) ¹	222,646
Accumulated Deficit, End of Year	(4,148,872)	(3,737,732)	411,140

¹ This amount represents the accumulated deficit at March 31, 2007 as shown in the 2006-07 Public Accounts.

Statement of Change in Net Debt

(in thousands of dollars)

	Original Estimated 2007-08	Revised Estimated 2007-08	Change 2007-08
Annual Surplus.....	75,000	263,494	188,494
Acquisition of Capital Assets.....	(297,643)	(346,080)	(48,437)
Amortization of Capital Assets.....	151,155	147,742	(3,413)
(Increase) Decrease in Net Debt from Operations.....	(71,488)	65,156	136,644
Net Debt at Beginning of Year.....	(6,710,950)	(6,445,669) ¹	265,281
Net Debt at End of Year	(6,782,438)	(6,380,513)	401,925

¹ This amount represents the net debt at March 31, 2007 as shown in the 2006-07 Public Accounts.

Fiscal Stabilization Fund

(in thousands of dollars)

	Original Estimated 2007-08	Revised Estimated 2007-08	Change 2007-08
Fiscal Stabilization Fund, Beginning of Year.....	887,500	887,500	- - -
Transfer from (to) General Revenue Fund.....	(509,872)	263,494	773,366
Fiscal Stabilization Fund, End of Year	377,628	1,150,994	773,366

The balance remaining in the Fund at the end of 2007-08 will be combined with the balance remaining in the Saskatchewan Infrastructure Fund and moved to the Growth and Financial Security Fund in accordance with legislation introduced in the 2007 fall session. The balances are invested in short and medium term marketable securities.

Saskatchewan Infrastructure Fund

(in thousands of dollars)

	Original Estimated 2007-08	Revised Estimated 2007-08	Change 2007-08
Saskatchewan Infrastructure Fund, Beginning of Year.....	97,914	105,090	7,176
Transfer from (to) General Revenue Fund.....	(45,558)	- - -	45,558
Saskatchewan Infrastructure Fund, End of Year	52,356	105,090	52,734

The balance remaining in the Fund at the end of 2007-08 will be combined with the balance remaining in the Fiscal Stabilization Fund and moved to the Growth and Financial Security Fund in accordance with legislation introduced in the 2007 fall session. The balances are invested in short and medium term marketable securities.

Appropriation to Expense Reconciliation

(in thousands of dollars)

	Original Estimated 2007-08	Supplementary Estimated 2007-08	Estimated Adjustments 2007-08	Revised Estimated 2007-08
Operating Appropriation.....	7,966,392	225,255	73,077 ¹	8,264,724
Acquisition of Capital Assets.....	(297,643)	(23,283)	(25,154)	(346,080)
Amortization of Capital Assets.....	120,981 ²	(3,413)	- - -	117,568 ²
Operating Expense	7,789,730	198,559	47,923	8,036,212

¹ The estimated adjustments represent increased forecasted statutory appropriations, net transfers between capital and non-capital appropriations, forecasted savings and capital appropriation carried over from the previous fiscal year permitted by *The Appropriation Act*.

² Total capital amortization of government owned assets excludes amortization incurred by service providers such as the Ministry of Government Services that is recovered from voted appropriation through billing client ministries (\$23,650K) and from non-GRF organizations (\$6,524K).

Schedule of Budgetary Appropriation

(in thousands of dollars)

	Original Restated Estimated 2007-08 ¹	Supplementary Estimated 2007-08	Estimated Adjustments 2007-08 ²	Revised Estimated 2007-08
Executive Branch of Government				
Advanced Education, Employment and Labour.....	685,013	16,270	- - -	701,283
Agriculture.....	299,784	- - -	(453)	299,331
Corrections, Public Safety and Policing.....	288,860	48,278	- - -	337,138
Education.....	808,123	28,219	- - -	836,342
- Teachers' Pensions and Benefits.....	135,783	5,486	46,706	187,975
Energy and Resources.....	30,567	23,322	206	54,095
Environment.....	185,233	- - -	(6,767)	178,466
Enterprise and Innovation.....	52,683	4,764	- - -	57,447
Executive Council.....	9,302	258	- - -	9,560
Finance.....	43,027	408	- - -	43,435
- Public Service Pensions and Benefits.....	243,860	3,682	23	247,565
First Nations and Métis Relations.....	57,725	17,723 *	- - -	75,448
Government Services.....	40,604	- - -	- - -	40,604
Health.....	3,463,600	28,136	- - -	3,491,736
Highways and Infrastructure.....	262,170	19,878	- - -	282,048
Highways and Infrastructure Capital.....	185,305	2,500	23,948	211,753
Information Technology Office.....	5,288	43	- - -	5,331
Intergovernmental Affairs.....	2,453	- - -	- - -	2,453
Justice and Attorney General.....	130,007	2,512	- - -	132,519
Municipal Affairs.....	233,610	206	- - -	233,816
Office of the Provincial Secretary.....	2,525	200	- - -	2,725
Public Service Commission.....	15,381	9,381	- - -	24,762
Saskatchewan Research Council.....	8,992	- - -	- - -	8,992
Social Services.....	625,414	- - -	(1,269)	624,145
Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport.....	118,047	13,989	1,000	133,036
Legislative Branch of Government				
Chief Electoral Officer.....	1,299	- - -	9,683	10,982
Children's Advocate.....	1,450	- - -	- - -	1,450
Conflict of Interest Commissioner.....	138	- - -	- - -	138
Information and Privacy Commissioner.....	675	- - -	- - -	675
Legislative Assembly.....	21,023	- - -	- - -	21,023
Ombudsman.....	1,935	- - -	- - -	1,935
Provincial Auditor.....	6,516	- - -	- - -	6,516
Operating Appropriation	7,966,392	225,255	73,077	8,264,724
"To Be Voted" Operating Appropriation.....	7,712,526	225,255	16,665	7,954,446
"Statutory" Operating Appropriation.....	253,866	- - -	56,412	310,278
Operating Appropriation.....	7,966,392	225,255	73,077	8,264,724
Servicing Government Debt (Statutory)	560,000	- - -	(15,000)	545,000
Total Budgetary Appropriation	8,526,392	225,255	58,077	8,809,724

¹ The original Estimates have been restated to reflect the November, 2007 government reorganization.

² The estimated adjustments represent changes to forecasted statutory appropriations (\$56,412K), net transfers between capital and non-capital appropriations (\$1,206K), forecasted savings (\$8,489K) and capital appropriation carried over from the previous fiscal year permitted by *The Appropriation Act* (\$23,948K).

* This amount includes \$4,500K provided by special warrant to the Department of Northern Affairs subsequently transferred to the Ministry of First Nations and Métis Relations.

Schedule of Capital Appropriation

(in thousands of dollars)

	Original Restated Estimated 2007-08 ¹	Supplementary Estimated 2007-08	Estimated Adjustments 2007-08	Revised Estimated 2007-08
Capital Asset Acquisitions				
Advanced Education, Employment and Labour.....	1,200	4,800	---	6,000
Agriculture.....	250	---	---	250
Chief Electoral Officer.....	125	---	---	125
Corrections, Public Safety and Policing.....	28,032	15,183	---	43,215
Energy and Resources.....	---	---	206	206
Environment.....	12,872	---	---	12,872
Finance.....	600	---	---	600
Government Services.....	28,756	---	---	28,756
Health.....	17,975	---	---	17,975
Highways and Infrastructure.....	11,081	---	---	11,081
Highways and Infrastructure Capital.....	185,305	2,500	23,948 ²	211,753
Information Technology Office.....	250	---	---	250
Justice and Attorney General.....	4,362	800	---	5,162
Legislative Assembly.....	15	---	---	15
Provincial Auditor.....	72	---	---	72
Social Services.....	1,900	---	---	1,900
Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport.....	4,848	---	1,000	5,848
Capital Asset Acquisitions	297,643	23,283	25,154	346,080
Capital Transfer Payments				
Advanced Education, Employment and Labour				
Post-Secondary Facilities.....	10,429	7,981	---	18,410
French Language Institute.....	350	---	---	---
Education				
School Facilities.....	18,326	---	---	18,326
French Language Education Capital.....	2,237	---	---	2,237
Child Care Facilities.....	2,500	---	---	2,500
Environment				
Saskatchewan Watershed Authority				
- Water Infrastructure Rehabilitation.....	2,662	---	---	2,662
Health				
Health Facilities.....	36,472	---	---	36,472
Medical Equipment.....	22,100	24,700	---	46,800
Highways and Infrastructure				
Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund.....	11,500	---	---	11,500
Canada-Saskatchewan Infrastructure Program.....	2,376	---	---	2,376
Municipal Resource Roads.....	5,000	---	---	5,000
Municipal Affairs				
Rural Revenue Sharing - Roads and Other Infrastructure.....	5,750	---	---	5,750
Rural Municipal Primary Weight Corridors Program.....	5,000	---	---	5,000
Transit Vehicles for the Disabled.....	275	---	---	275
Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund - Phase 1.....	21,715	---	---	21,715
Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund - Phase 2.....	16,000	---	---	16,000
Urban Development Agreements.....	1,582	---	---	1,582
New Deal for Cities and Communities.....	32,364	---	---	32,364
Public Transit Program.....	510	---	---	510
Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport				
Building Communities.....	40,000	789	---	40,789
Capital Transfer Payments	237,148	33,470	---	270,268
Capital Appropriation	534,791	56,753	25,154	616,348

¹ The original Estimates have been restated to reflect the November, 2007 government reorganization.

² This amount represents capital appropriation carried over from the previous fiscal year permitted by *The Appropriation Act*.

Schedule of Appropriation by Classification
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(In thousands of dollars)

Vote	Government Delivered Programs				Transfers				2007-08 Total
	Salaries	Supplier and Other Payments	Pensions/ Benefits	Capital	Transfers for Public Service			Transfers to Individuals	
					Operating	Pensions/ Benefits	Capital		
Executive Branch of Government									
Advanced Education, Employment and Labour.....	---	---	---	4,800	3,489	---	7,981	---	16,270
Corrections, Public Safety and Policing.....	4,550	7,015	---	15,183	2,580	---	---	18,950	48,278
Education.....	---	---	---	---	16,469	5,486	---	11,750	33,705
Energy and Resources.....	---	---	---	---	23,322	---	---	---	23,322
Enterprise and Innovation.....	75	97	---	---	4,592	---	---	---	4,764
Executive Council.....	57	201	---	---	---	---	---	---	258
Finance.....	---	408	3,682	---	---	---	---	---	4,090
First Nations and Métis Relations.....	---	---	---	---	13,223	---	---	---	13,223
Health.....	---	---	---	---	3,436	---	24,700	---	28,136
Highways and Infrastructure.....	---	19,878	---	---	---	---	---	---	19,878
Highways and Infrastructure Capital.....	---	---	---	2,500	---	---	---	---	2,500
Information Technology Office.....	43	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	43
Justice and Attorney General.....	1,212	500	---	800	---	---	---	---	2,512
Municipal Affairs.....	206	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	206
Northern Affairs.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4,500	4,500
Office of the Provincial Secretary.....	---	200	---	---	---	---	---	---	200
Public Service Commission.....	6,502	2,879	---	---	---	---	---	---	9,381
Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport.....	---	100	---	---	13,100	---	789	---	13,989
Supplementary Operating Appropriation	12,645	31,278	3,682	23,283	80,211	5,486	33,470	35,200	225,255

Schedule of Lending and Investing Disbursements

(in thousands of dollars)

	Original Estimated 2007-08	Revised Estimated 2007-08	Change 2007-08
Crown Corporations - Loans			
Vote			
151 Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan.....	---	8,900	8,900
154 Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation.....	26,700	19,600	(7,100)
152 Saskatchewan Power Corporation.....	475,100	242,100	(233,000)
153 Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation.....	146,400	---	(146,400)
140 Saskatchewan Water Corporation.....	4,800	4,800	---
150 SaskEnergy Incorporated.....	70,200	101,591	31,391
Crown Corporations - Loans (Statutory)	723,200	376,991	(346,209)
Other - Loans			
169 Advanced Education, Employment and Labour.....	56,000	46,000	(10,000)
144 Enterprise and Innovation..... (formerly named Regional Economic and Co-operative Development)	5,600	5,600	---
163 First Nations and Métis Relations (includes Northern Affairs).....	2,500	2,500	---
145 Highways and Infrastructure.....	1,000	1,000	---
Other - Loans (To Be Voted)	65,100	55,100	(10,000)
Loans	788,300	432,091	(356,209)
Investments			
176 Contributions to Sinking Funds (Statutory)	119,594	129,512	9,918
146 Agriculture - Land (To Be Voted) ..	400	200	(200)
Investments	119,994	129,712	9,718
Disbursements	908,294	561,803	(346,491)

Debt Redemption

(in thousands of dollars)

	Original Estimated 2007-08	Revised Estimated 2007-08	Change 2007-08
Debt Redemption			
Vote			
175 Crown Enterprise Share (Statutory)	453,162	464,708	11,546
175 Government Share (Statutory)	419,016	637,322	218,306
	872,178	1,102,030	229,852

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Executive Branch of Government

Advanced Education, Employment and Labour - Vote 37

(formerly named Advanced Education and Employment)

Post-Secondary Education (AE02)

Universities, Federated and Affiliated Colleges and Educational Agencies	309	
Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST)		
- Operating.....	120	
Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT).....	500	
Post-Secondary Capital Transfers.....	7,981	
Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission.....	400	
Innovation and Science Fund.....	2,160	
	<hr/>	11,470

Capital Asset Acquisition (AE08)

SIAST - Kelsey Campus.....		4,800
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		16,270

Additional funding is required for: an expansion of health care professional training capacity and associated equipment and SIAST renovation costs; an expansion of skills and apprenticeship training capacity along with a major renovation for Cumberland Regional College; and for the first year of the province's increased commitment to the construction of the International Vaccine Centre at the University of Saskatchewan.

Additional capital funding will provide for the purchase of a new facility to expand SIAST's Kelsey Campus.

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Corrections, Public Safety and Policing - Vote 73

(formerly named Corrections and Public Safety)

Central Management and Services (CP01)

Central Services.....		813
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Adult Corrections (CP04)

Adult Corrections Facilities.....		6,277
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Public Safety (CP06)

Protection and Emergency Services.....	4,215	
Licensing and Inspections.....	90	
Provincial Disaster Assistance Program.....	18,950	23,255

Policing (CP10)

Royal Canadian Mounted Police.....	2,500	
Police Programs.....	250	2,750

Regina Provincial Correctional Centre (CP03)

Regina Provincial Correctional Centre.....		1,398
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Major Capital Projects (CP09)

Provincial Telecommunication.....	10,200	
Saskatoon Provincial Correctional Centre.....	3,585	13,785

48,278

Additional funding is required: to support the information technology partnership agreement; for increased bed space capacity in adult correctional centres; to sustain the SaskTel FleetNet system until replacement components are completed; for increased provincial disaster assistance claims due to extensive flooding; for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police contract costs, including pension contributions and new community safety programming; and, other unanticipated expenditures.

Additional capital funding will provide for revised cashflow requirements for the Regina Provincial Correctional Centre replacement project; for the first year costs for development of the FleetNet telecommunication system replacement project; and, the majority of the infrastructure costs for the pre-engineered dormitory style building at the Saskatoon Provincial Correctional Centre.

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Education - Vote 5

(formerly named Learning)

Pre-K-12 Education (ED03)

School Operating.....	8,475
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Early Learning and Child Care (ED08)

Early Childhood Intervention Programs.....	73
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Child Care Facilities.....	7,500
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Provincial Library (ED15)

Provincial Library.....	421
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Education Property Tax Relief (ED09)

Education Property Tax Relief.....	11,750
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Teachers' Pensions and Benefits (ED04)

Teachers' Extended Health Plan.....	5,486
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33,705

Additional funding is required: for salary increases and benefit costs resulting from the teachers' collective agreement settlement; for delivery of the autism program; for costs offset by federal revenue for additional child care and pre-kindergarten spaces; for increased education property tax credits for residential and commercial property; and, for costs offset by federal revenue to continue the Community Access Program in public libraries.

Energy and Resources - Vote 23

(formerly named Industry and Resources)

Resource and Economic Policy (ER06)

Resource and Economic Policy.....	23,322
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23,322

Additional funding is required for the decommissioning reclamation of the Lorado mill site which is fully offset by corresponding revenue.

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Enterprise and Innovation - Vote 43

(formerly named Regional Economic and Co-operative Development)

Policy and Planning (EI02)

Policy and Planning.....	172
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Investment Programs (EI07)

Strategic Investment Fund.....	4,517
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Industry Development (EI04)

Special Projects and Investment Services.....	75
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4,764

Additional funding is required to support the implementation of the SaskBio program and for one-time commitments to Doepker Industries, the Hydrogen Technologies Corporation PureEnergy project, the University of Regina professorship in petroleum-coke gasification, and the Tourism Summit.

Executive Council - Vote 10

Central Management and Services (EX01)

Executive Management.....	258
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Additional funding is required to meet contractual obligations for the Fishing Lake study and salary pressures.

Finance - Vote 18

Revenue (FI05)

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts.....	408
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Pensions and Benefits (FI09)

Public Employees' Pension Plan.....	1,082	
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Employees' Benefits - Employer's Contribution.....	2,600	3,682
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4,090

Additional funding is required for an increased loss provision to cover the uncollectible tax revenue loss resulting from increased tax revenue growth and for increased salary-based employer pension and benefit costs due to higher than anticipated employee salary costs across government.

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First Nations and Métis Relations - Vote 25

Policy Coordination and Support for Aboriginal Organizations (FN02)

Support for Aboriginal Organizations and Issues..... 750

Gaming Agreements (FN03)

First Nations Gaming Agreements..... 12,473

13,223

Additional funding is required for increased operating costs for the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan, which is cost-shared with the federal government and payments to the First Nations Trust and Community Development Corporations in accordance with agreements for the distribution of gaming proceeds.

Health - Vote 32

Provincial Health Services (HE04)

Provincial Targeted Programs and Services..... 4,200

Regional Health Services (HE03)

Regional Targeted Programs and Services..... 23,936

28,136

Additional funding is required primarily to improve workplace safety, worker recruitment and retention in the health sector, as well as patient wait time guarantee investments.

Highways and Infrastructure - Vote 16

(formerly named Highways and Transportation)

Operation of Transportation System (HI10)

Road Safety and Traffic Guidance..... 6,327

Preservation of Transportation System (HI04)

Surface Preservation..... 13,551

19,878

Additional funding is required to address road and traffic public safety concerns and provide for road surface repairs and preservation costs due to damage from spring flooding and the landslide on Highway 16.

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Highways and Infrastructure Capital - Vote 17

(formerly named Highways and Transportation Capital)

Infrastructure Enhancement (HC02)

Highways and Bridges.....	2,500
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Additional funding is required to address public safety concerns and provide for road construction costs due to damage from spring flooding.

Information Technology Office - Vote 74

Central Management and Services (IT01)

Central Services.....	43
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Additional funding is required due to the former Department of Community Resources entering into the information technology service delivery partnership agreement. The costs are offset by savings in the client ministry that previously provided the service internally.

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Justice and Attorney General - Vote 3

(formerly named Justice)

Courts and Civil Justice (JU03)

Court Services.....	469
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Marketplace Regulation (JU07)

Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission.....	150
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Legal and Policy Services (JU04)

Public Prosecutions.....	593
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Boards and Commissions (JU08)

Inquiries.....	500
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Courts Capital (JU11)

Courts Capital.....	800
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2,512

Additional funding is required for increased activity and court-appointed counsel costs in court services, a new compensation plan for Crown Counsel, the Milgaard Inquiry, and other miscellaneous expenditures.

Additional capital funding will provide for planning new Provincial Court Houses.

Municipal Affairs - Vote 30

(formerly named Government Relations)

Municipal Relations (MA08)

Municipal Relations.....	206
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Additional funding is required primarily to process higher than anticipated zoning and subdivision applications and for other miscellaneous expenditures.

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Northern Affairs - Vote 75

(transferred to First Nations and Métis Relations)

Regional Operations and Financial Programs (NA04)

Regional Programs and Services.....	4,500	
	<u>4,500</u>	

Additional funding was provided by special warrant for one-time funding for the Primrose Lake economic development trust fund.

Office of the Provincial Secretary - Vote 80

(formerly included in Government Relations)

Provincial Secretary (OP01)

Office of French-Language Coordination.....	200	
	<u>200</u>	

Additional funding is required for the national coordination of the 2008 Ministerial Conference on Canadian Francophonie.

Public Service Commission - Vote 33

Central Management and Services (PS01)

Central Services.....	417	
Accommodation Services.....	<u>501</u>	918

Human Resource Information Services (PS06)

Human Resource Information Services.....		1,692
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Human Resource Client Service (PS03)

Human Resource Client Service.....		6,771
		<u>9,381</u>

Additional funding is required primarily due to the consolidation of the human resource function within the Public Service Commission, which is fully offset by savings in ministries that previously provided for the service. Additional funding is also required to cover the cost of the single-window human resource administration and payroll service delivery project.

Supplementary Estimates - December

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(in thousands of dollars)

**Voted
Supplementary
Estimates
2007-08**

Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport - Vote 27

(formerly named Culture, Youth and Recreation)

Culture (TC03)

Saskatchewan Arts Board.....	4,500	
Film Employment Tax Credit.....	5,300	9,800

Building Communities (TC11)

Building Communities.....		789
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Heritage (TC07)

Royal Saskatchewan Museum.....	100	
Western Development Museum.....	2,800	2,900

Saskatchewan Communications Network (TC08)

Saskatchewan Communications Network.....		500
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13,989

Additional funding is required: to respond to the recommendations of the Music Industry Review and Minister's Advisory Committee on the Status of the Artist; for increased support under the Film Employment Tax Credit program; for additional projects approved under the Building Communities initiative; for costs offset by the federal government in support of the Chief Paskwa pictograph; for an increase in operating costs of the Western Development Museum; and, for an increase in programming costs of the Saskatchewan Communications Network.

Total Budgetary Appropriation - To Be Voted

225,255

Amortization

Capital assets require an appropriation in the fiscal year they are acquired. These assets are not expensed upon acquisition. Under accrual accounting, capital assets are charged as an expense over their useful service life as they are consumed. The consumption of capital assets is referred to as amortization and does not require an appropriation. Loss on disposition of assets and change in inventory valuation is also treated as amortization.

Amortization of Capital Assets

Environment.....	(1,483)
Highways and Infrastructure.....	(2,000)
Information Technology Office.....	(22)
Social Services.....	92

Amortization is a non-voted, non-cash expense and is presented for information purposes only.

(3,413)

The amortization expense is changed due to a delay in the forest fire fleet renewal initiative, a revised valuation on aggregate inventory, a revised cost of the Wi-Fi internet project, and changes in the cost of other capital projects.

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